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Children...

How do you feel about children?

On Sunday, I poked a little fun at people who don't like kids, saying that they needed to get over that attitude. What do you think about that?

Read Luke 18:15-17. How did Jesus feel about little children?

Read Psalm 78:5-6. How does God feel about the training of children?

Read Isaiah 54:1. This passage takes the concept of children beyond biology. A person doesn't have to be “your child” to be your child, and you don't have to be a biological parent to be a parent. Can you think of some examples of this?

Read Matthew 28:18-20. Jesus expects all of his followers to be about the business of making more followers. What are some ways modern followers of Jesus can obey this command?

Take it Home

Having children is in our DNA; training children is a command given by God; and loving children is an example set by Jesus; so why do churches struggle to get volunteers for children's ministry?

Multiplying ourselves into the lives of others is the most important work we can do; Jesus commanded us to do it; and Jesus promises his presence and all the resources of the Father to empower us for this task; so why do Christians hesitate to share their faith; invite people to church; or become spiritual coaches?



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